

## Zimbabwe Developments

### Legislative Progress in a Democratic Zimbabwe

The Mnangagwa government is committed to using the legislative process to enact reforms and make Zimbabwe a more equitable, safe, and democratic place. Currently, there are nearly 60 pieces of legislation that have been drafted, received in Parliament, or signed into law by the President. These bills cover a wide variety of issues, including public healthcare, constitutional reform, human rights, water and land conservation, and gender equality.

In the past two years, several significant pieces of legislation have moved through Parliament and been signed into law. These include:

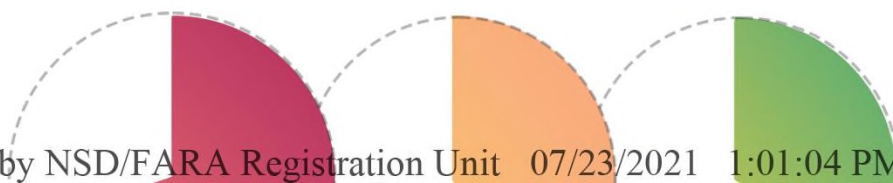
- *Land Commission Act*: Financially compensates farmers whose land was appropriated through Mugabe's land reform policies. This is a landmark bill to resolve a long-festering issue in Zimbabwe.
- *Education Amendment Bill*: Affirms that every citizen and permanent resident of Zimbabwe has a right to a state-funded education.
- *Consumer Protection Bill*: Protects the consumption of goods and services by establishing the Consumer Protection Commission and regulating Consumer Advocacy Organizations.

In addition to these bills signed into law:

- The Zimbabwean Cabinet just approved the National Disability Policy, which seeks to empower people with disabilities in Zimbabwe and improve their quality of life.
- The Zimbabwean Supreme Court recently ruled that women are granted equal property rights to men if their marriage is registered as a legal union with the government, and the Zimbabwean government made it illegal for schools to expel pregnant students.
- The Mnangagwa government reached a historic settlement with 4,000 farmers who had land seized by the Mugabe regime, signing a \$3.5 billion compensation agreement.
- The Broadcasting Authority of Zimbabwe (BAZ) issued six new licenses, giving independent companies television broadcasting rights in Zimbabwe for the first time.

While the Zimbabwean government understands U.S. policymakers have expressed concern with the pace of reforms, all legislation in Zimbabwe adheres to the democratic legislative process and undergoes a comprehensive review. The infographic on the next page demonstrates the breakdown of bills that have been drafted, are making their way through the parliamentary process, and have been signed into law. The subsequent chart provides a status update on each of the bills moving through the legislative process. A shaded box indicates the bill has passed the development milestone highlighted at the top of each column.

<b>DRAFTED:</b>	<b>IN PARLIAMENT:</b>	<b>SIGNED:</b>
<b>44</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>20</b>



Bill Name (As Outlined in Constitution)	PROGRESS WITH ALIGNMENT							
	STAGES OF BILL DEVELOPMENT MILESTONES							
	PREPARATORY PROCESSES WITH LINE MINISTRIES			CABINET PROCESSES			PARLIAMENTARY PROCESS	
	Research & Drafting	Consultations	Finalization of Draft Bill (Write-shops)	Approval of Principles	Approval of Bill by CCL	Approval By Cabinet	Submission to Parliament	
							Date of Publication of Bill by Parliament	Signed into Law
The Zimbabwe Media Commission Bill							9 August 2019	
Freedom of Information Bill							5 July 2019	1 July 2020
War Veterans Act							1 November 2019	4 September 2020
Ex-Political Detainees and Restrictes Act							1 November 2019	4 September 2020
National Peace and Reconciliation Commission Act								5 January 2018
Public Health Amendment Bill								31 August 2018
Education Amendment Bill							15 February 2019	4 March 2020

Manpower Planning and Development Amendment Bill							14 August 2020	
Land Commission Amendment Bill								9 March 2018
Constitutional Court Rules								
Coroner's Office Bill							21 June 2019	
Criminal Procedure and Evidence Amendment Bill								10 June 2016
Judicial Service Amendment Bill								
Consumer Protection Bill							21 December 2018	10 December 2019
Public Entities Corporate Governance Bill								11 May 2018
Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Assets Bill								1 January 2018
Electoral Amendment Bill								28 May 2018
Gender Commission Bill								12 Feb 2016
General Laws Amendment Bill No. 1*								1 July 2016
Zimbabwe Independent Complaints Commission Bill								
National Security Council Bill								



Medical Services Amendment Bill								
Marriages Act [Chapter 5:11] (Marriages Bill)								
Customary Marriages Act [ Chapter 5:07] (Marriages Bill)								
Mines and Minerals Amendment Bill								
Constitutional Court Bill								
Police Amendment Bill								
Public Finance Management Amendment Bill								
Health Services Amendment Bill								
Protection of Personal Information Bill								
Broadcasting Services Amendment Bill								
Citizenship of Zimbabwe Amendment Bill								
Immigration Amendment Bill								
Prisons and Correctional Services Bill								
Metropolitan and Provincial Councils Bill								

Water Amendment Bill								
Labour Amendment Bill								
Guardianship of Minors Amendment Bill								
Children's Amendment Bill								
Disabled Persons Amendment Bill								
Administrative Justice Amendment Bill								
Judicial Laws Amendment Bill								
Public Service Amendment Bill								
Zimbabwe Human Rights Commission Amendment Bill								
General Laws Amendment Bill No.2**								
Urban Councils Amendment Bill								
Rural District Councils Amendment Bill								
Traditional Leaders Amendment Bill								
Environmental Management Amendment Bill								

Tourism Amendment Bill								
Official Secrets Amendment Bill								
Defence Amendment Bill								
Emergency Powers Amendment Bill								
Interception of Communications Amendment Bill								
Bill to give effect to Section 106 of the Constitution								
National Arts Council Amendment Bill								
Manpower Planning and Development Amendment Bill								
Criminal Law (Codification and Reform) Amendment Bill								
Languages Bill								

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